(*b*) If so, what is their number?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any measure has been taken to encourage and improve the art of pottery?

(*d*) Have any Malayala Velans been employed in Government service?

(*e*) If so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of those employed and the appointments they hold?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. There is a sect called Velans according to the Census of 1921.

(*b*) The number of Velans is 8,857 including Kusavas.

(*c*) Yes. The School of Arts has a Pottery section in which artistic designs are manufactured by improved methods and apprentices are trained in these methods.

(*d*) and (*e*) Government will call for the information required.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): With regard to answer to (*e*), are the Government aware of the decision of our Honourable High Court reported, if I remember well, in 18 T. L. R. regarding the Malayala Velans?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No; Government are not aware of the fact.

Eligibility of Headmistress of Vernacular Primary Aided School, Chenkal, to teach Class IV.

100. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the departmental correspondence carried on by the Manager of the Chenkal Vernacular Primary Aided School and his appeal to the Government regarding the order of the Assistant Inspectress, District II, that the Headmistress of the school is not qualified to teach Class IV?

(*b*) Have the Government passed any final orders on the Manager's appeal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under correspondence between the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and final orders have not been passed.

Transfer of a Medical Officer from the District Hospital, Chirayinkil.

101. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state on what inquiry one of the doctors in the Chirayinkil Hospital was transferred immediately after my reference to the quarrel between the two doctors at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 12th August, 1925?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Assistant in the District Hospital, Chirayinkil, was transferred on 13-8-1925, not because of the representation made by the member in the last meeting of the Legislative Council, but as a result of the enquiry following reports against the Assistant by the Medical Officer in charge, and deputations from the public of Chirayinkil.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether I did make any representation to the effect that the doctor should be transferred?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not remember that Mr. Nilakanta Pillai made a representation to that effect.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In the answer it is said that it is not because of the representation made by the member. But I have not made any representation. Then how is the answer worded in that way?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is to say the representation made was to the effect that there was some difference between the Medical Officers at Chirayinkil.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Govern ent*): And that is what is stated in the answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It is stated in the answer that the transfer was effected not because of the representation; that mplies my representation was made with the object of transferring the Medical Officer.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): t is stated in the answer that the transfer was effected as a result of he enquiry.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether here were deputations and counter-deputations with regard to this natter?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): t will be found from the answer that there were deputations.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I want to know whether there were counter-deputations also.

MR K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Govern ment*): What the member means by 'counter-deputations' is included in the ord 'deputations'.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, how was the uestion decided? I want to know whether it is solely on the report f the officer in charge of the Hospital in the locality that one of the octors was transferred.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): nd as a result of the enquiry also.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What kind of enquiry? Vas any enquiry conducted?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): is stated in the answer that it was as a result of enquiry?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the enquiry?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): he details of the enquiry have not been ascertained.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to call for information on that matter?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Natives of Chirayinkil employed as Teachers in the Education Department.

102. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) ; Will the Government be pleased to give in the form of a tabular statement :

(*a*) the names of teachers employed, both in the elementary and secondary schools in the State, who are natives of the Chirayinkil taluk ;

(*b*) the names of the schools in which they are posted at present ;

(*c*) the names of teachers who are not natives of the Chirayinkil taluk but are employed in that taluk ; and

(*d*) the pay drawn by each ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*d*) Government do not propose to call for such a statement as the time and labour involved in its preparation would be out of all proportion to its utility.

Chemical Examination and Inspection of Salt Factories.

103. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state who conducts the chemical examination in connection with the salt factories ?

(*b*) Is there any laboratory at present, at or near the factories, to conduct chemical experiments on an adequate scale ?

(*c*) If there is any such laboratory, has it been inspected by any scientific experts ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for the factories being inspected by the Dewan in the company of the Excise Commissioner, the Chief Engineer, the Director of Public Instruction, and some non-officials, with a view to suggest improved methods in the manufacture of salt ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) :

(*a*) The chemical examination is now conducted by the Chemical Examiner to Government or the Director of Agriculture.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Inspections are being made as necessity arises. A joint inspection of the kind suggested does not appear necessary at present. The method of manufacture in the factories in South Travancore does not compare unfavourably with that obtaining in the factories in British India.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): എന്നുമുതല്ക്കാണ് സാൾട്ട് ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ കെമിക്കൽ എക്സാമിനറായി ഡയറക്ടർ ആഫ് ആഗ്രികൾച്ചറിനെ നിയമിച്ചത് ?

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